GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2839
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000
LOANS TO OBCS FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government launched a pilot scheme called Askansha 1996 through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation for providing loans to eligible members of the backward classes for technical and professional education;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the number of persons benefited during the last three years, year-wise and the amount provided to them State-wise;

(d) the criteria being adopted to select the persons for such assistance and total number of applications received during 1999-2000; and

(e) the total allocation made for this scheme during 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India started Education Loan Scheme through the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) during the year 1996 as a pilot project to provide financial assistance to eligible Backward Classes students pursing technical and professional courses. The NBCFDC provides financial assistance through nominated State Channelisisng Agencies (SCAs) and , therefore, the Education Loan is also provided through SCAs.

(b), (c) & (d) Details of the scheme are given at Annexure - A. The disbursement of loan was started during 1998-99. Rs. 4.76 lakh was disbursed to 12 students during the 1998-99 and 1999-2000. The details of amount disbursed State-wise and year-wise are given at Annexure-B.

(e) The Corporation deals with proposals received from SCAs as per existing guidelines. During 2000-01, Rs. 4.84 crore has been approved for Kerala under the Education Loan scheme for 500 students over next four years.

ANNEXURE - A

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2839 FOR 09.08.2000 TABLEI SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI, M.P. REGARDING LOANS TO OBCs FOR TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LOAN SCHEME

NBCFDC has introduced Educational Loan Scheme to provided financial assistance to the students of Backward Classes living below the poverty line for pursuing general/professional/technical course or training at graduate and higher level.

Eligibility

The applicant should have obtained admission for a course in the institute recognized by AICTE Medical Council of India as the case may be for the purpose.

Extent of Loan

Maximum loan limit per student is Rs.75,000/- p.a. subject to maximum of Rs.3.00 lakh for entire course correlated with actual expenses.

Rate of Interest

4.5% p.a. with a rebate of 0.5% on timely repayment.

Mode of repayment

The recovery will commence after six months of completion of course or getting employment/self-employment whichever is earlier.

The total repayment period will be 5 years in monthly installments.

The eligible students desirous of availing loan under this scheme may contract their State Channelising Agencies.

ANNEXURE - B

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2839 FOR 09.08.2000 TABLED BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI, M.P. REGARDING LOANS TO OBCs FOR TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

NATIONAL BACKWARD CLASSES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Statement of Statewise & Yearwise amount disbursed and number of students benefited

State/Ut	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		Cumulative	
	Amt. (Rs.)	No.of Studnts	Amt. (Rs.)	No.of Studets	Amt. (Rs.)	No.of Studnts	(Rs.)	Studnts
Bihar	0	0	0	0	54864	1	54864	1
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	59130	2	33210 +		92340	2
Pondicherry	0	0	11009	1	0	0	11009	1
Tamil Nadu	0	0	245345	8	72280 +		317625	8
Total	0	0	315484	11	160354	1	475838	12

\+ Further instalment disbursed to studens